

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-154, 157-161, 164-168, 171, 172, 174-178, 181-185, 188, 189, 191-195, 198-202, 205, 206, 208-212, 215-219, 222-226, 229-233, 236-240, 243, 244, 246-250, 253-257, 260, 261, 263-267, 270-274, 277, 278, 280-284 and 287-291 are now presented for examination. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28-154, 158-161, 164, 171, 172, 174-178, 181-185, 188-189, 191-195, 198-202, 205, 206, 208-212, 215-219, 222-226, 229-233, 236-240, 243, 244, 246-250, 253-257, 260, 261, 263-267, 270-274, 277, 278, 280-284 and 287-291 have been amended.

Claims 1, 5, 7 and 150 are the only independent claims.

Applicant again notes that while it appears that the drawings were not objected to, the entry on the Office Action Summary for the drawings is not entirely filled out. The Examiner again is requested to indicate in the next Office Action that the drawings as filed are in fact acceptable.

Claims 79-149, 222-226, 229-233, 236-240, 243, 244, 246-250, 253-257, 260-261, 263-267, 270-274, 277, 278, 280-284 and 287-291 were objected to because of an informality. Those claims have been amended to read --permitted access to-- instead of "permitted to access to." This amendment is believed to overcome the objection, the withdrawal of which is requested. The amendment is simply to improve the idiomatic English and does not affect the scope of the claims.

Claims 1-13, 14-20, 21-27, 150-154, 157-161 and 164-168 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,835,963 (Yoshioka et al.).

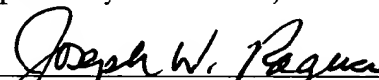
Each of the independent claims has been amended to recite that it is judged whether the access right to data requested by a task is to be given according to an interruption processing number. This feature is neither taught nor suggested in the cited reference.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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